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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Leif ANDERSSON et al.) Group Art Unit: 1655
Application Number: 09/550,605) Examiner: Souaya
Filed: April 17, 2000)
For: METHODS FOR DETERMINING COAT COLOUR GENOTYPES IN PIGS

AMENDMENT under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments are submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2001, in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action, extending the time for response up to and including **August 12, 2001**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$390.00, to cover the fee for a two-month extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640. Applicants believe that no other fees are required for consideration of this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are required to make the present Amendment a complete response to the Office Action, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit such fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 14 and 15, with the following claims provided in a clean format in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A marked-up version of the claims, showing the changes Applicants have made are in Appendix A.

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1. (Amended) A method for determining coat colour genotype in a pig which comprises:
(a) obtaining a sample of pig nucleic acid; and